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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BOTT, Michael *et al.*  
Serial No: 09/672,265  
Filed: September 28, 2000  
For: METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF  
RECOMBINANT HOLO-CITRATE LYASE  
Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: Charles L. Patterson, Jr.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2004

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated October 9, 2003 which has a shortened statutory period for response of three months that expired on January 9, 2004. A petition for a 2-month extension of time until March 9, 2004 is enclosed herewith.